



NJ National Guard Child & Youth Program News

State Family Programs Office
Joint Military & Family Assistance Center
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NJ NG YOUTH CAMP

Come out for a week of fun and sun by the beautiful beach in Sea Girt, NJ.
This Camp is a week-long, residential Camp for military youth.

Camp for youth ages 9 - 15 will be held 12-18 July 2015
Counselors ages 16 and up need to be at Camp from 11-18 July 2015

The application deadline this year is Friday May 15. Please apply online and download all required forms before midnight as the site will shut down.

Cost for the week is \$150.00 per youth ages 9-15. Camp shirts, hat, backpack, meals, snacks, programs and materials are provided.
Volunteers are welcomed!!!!

To apply today, please visit: <http://njngyouthcamp.org/>

ParentCentral.net

ParentCentral.Net is a special place where you as a parent can communicate with counselors and other parenting professionals and receive answers within 24 hours.

This site will give members the benefit of reading other parents' stories and the counselor responses. It contains parenting information, help lines you can call and topics that will educate, encourage and assist you in dealing with parenting issues.

No topic is off limits. Check it out today: <http://www.parentcentral.net>



CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!!!
Like us at
NJNGChildandYouthProgram

If you would like to receive the newsletter and other useful emails directly, please provide your email address to Amanda Balas and she will gladly add it to the Child & Youth distribution list.

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UPCOMING EVENTS for NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH & TEENS

SAVE THE DATE**COMING
UP**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2015

We will have a NJ Guard Teen Panel conference call for National Guard teens ages 12-18 from 8:30-9:45pm. For this meeting/call, we will be discussing upcoming programs and ideas for Month of the Military Child, Youth Camp, and community service projects. Please plan on attending and contributing your ideas to the panel. Please have your calendars/schedules available. RSVP to Nicole Morgan-Lewis via email nicole.l.morgan-lewis.ctr@mail.mil for call-in information.

FRIDAY 10 APRIL – SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2015

WHAT: NG TEEN LOCK-IN
WHO: for National Guard teens ages 13-18
WHEN: 7:30pm Friday night – 7:00am Saturday morning
WHERE: JMFAC – Bordentown
WHY: In honor of Month of the Military Child, the NG Child & Youth Program will hold a Teen Lock-In for 40-50 teens. After each teen is signed in, they will be “locked in” to participate in various programs, presentations and events throughout the night.

SATURDAY 11 APRIL – SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2015

WHAT: Franklin Institute Camp-In
WHO: for National Guard youth ages 6-12
WHEN: 5:00pm Saturday night – 11:30am Sunday morning
WHERE: Pick up at JMFAC – Bordentown before going to Franklin Institute
WHY: In honor of Month of the Military Child, the NG Child & Youth Program will be Camping-In at the Franklin Institute with 35 youth and 8 teens. Youth will experience live science shows and workshops, and sleep next to their favorite exhibits! Transportation will be provided.

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2015

WHAT: Community Service
WHO: for National Guard youth/teens ages 11-18
WHEN: 16 May (Armed Forces Day) 8:00am – 4:00pm
WHERE: Vineland Veterans Home
WHY: The NG Child & Youth Program will provide transportation (2 pick up locations) for youth/teens to give back to those who have served our country. We will spend the day working with residents at Vineland Vet Home.



NJNG Child and Youth Program

Cordially Invites You to Attend

American Red Cross

**CPR, AED, and First Aid Adult & Infant
2 Year Certification Course**

Date: Sunday June 7, 2015

Time: 9:15 am to 4:00 pm

Location: JMFAC - 1048 US Highway 206 Bordentown, NJ 08505

*Participants must be 14 or older. Please wear comfortable clothes.
There are 24 slots available for Child & Youth volunteers and teens*

MUST BRING OWN LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS (Only 30 minutes for lunch)

Please R.S.V.P. By June 2, 2015

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4-H M.I.C.R.O. Camp

MON 29 JUNE – WED 1 JULY 2015

This Camp is open to military youth ages 10-14
Only 38 slots available.

The Camp will be held at the 4-H Campgrounds
in Branchville, NJ with 2 pick-up/drop-off locations



Youth will participate in MICRO Camp (Make, Imagine, Create, Research, Originate) through programs like Creature Hunt, Crazy Contraptions and Chuck It. Youth will also enjoy the great outdoors in the mountains of Sussex County, NJ and will be able to go boating, hiking, fishing, and swimming. Crafts, singing, campfires, making new friends and having fun are always a part of Camping too!!!

Pre Camp Program will be held Sun 7 Jun from 1:00-4:00pm at the JMFAC in Bordentown (optional)

**There is a 5 page registration packet and \$50.00 deposit required to guarantee attendance.
Deadline for registration paperwork and deposit is Wednesday 3 June 2015**

For more information or to receive the registration packet, please email Amanda Balas at
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Useful Resources



\$500 Grants for Extra Curricular Activities!

Our Military Kids offers grants to children of deployed Service Members for a number of extra curricular activities. Military youth that are ages 3 through 12th grade and are listed dependents in DEERS are eligible for this program. Eligible youth can receive up to \$500 for one activity per OCONUS deployment.

To see the full list of eligible activities and to apply, please visit:

www.ourmilitarykids.org

Army Fee Assistance Program (AFA) is an initiative that assists eligible Army Families in reducing the cost of off-post child care when on post options are not available or accessible.

How do I enroll in Army Fee Assistance? Call 1-866-508-0371

Email: army.childcare@gsa.gov or Visit: http://financeweb.gsa.gov/childcare_portal

Joint Services Support is the National Guard Online Community..... Join today!!!!

By registering as a member, you will gain access to wide range of National Guard Child & Youth Program resources, information and tools. Register today at www.jointservicesupport.org



Military OneSource is your one stop shop for a variety of resources for all branches and components of the military. You can reach them by phone at 1-800-342-9647 or online at www.militaryonesource.mil

4-H PROGRAMS for ALL



SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2015

4-H Sewing Class for youth ages 10 and up. This class is free but limited to 12 participants. Participants will learn how to use a sewing machine and make their own projects that they will be able to take home. This four hour program will be offered in Burlington County with location still to be determined. If you are interested, please email Michele Mathews at mmathews@co.burlington.nj.us

Rutgers 4-H Youth Development of Mercer County has published the 2015 Summer Camp Guide. They offer a variety of day camps for youth in grades 3-12. For more information on local programs and summer camps, please visit www.mercer.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h

The Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp located in Branchville, NJ (Sussex County) has announced summer programs and camps for 2015. They are offering 2 Family Camps (one in May and one in Sept 2015) as well as a variety of other week-long camps. For more information, please visit <http://nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/>
